GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:359
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LOSSES IN SINGARENI COLLERIES (NAP)
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singareni Colleries in Andhra Pradesh is reeling under acute financial problems and payment of arrears to its workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss suffered by the said colleries during each of the last three years and till date;

(c) whether the Government have any plan for its disinvestment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for its rehabilitation;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(h) the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to rehabilitate the sick Colleries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b): As per the National Coal Wage Agreement- VI(NCWA-VI), the arrears of employees of theSingareni Collieries Companies Limited (SCCL) works out to Rs. 455 crores . While the employees went on strike demanding payment of arrears, it was decided, with the intervention of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, to pay 60 % of NCWA- VIarrears to the serving employees for the period from 1.7.1996 to 31.12.2000 as adhoc adjustable advance on 14.8.2001. This works out to Rs. 230 crores. SCCLis taking appropriate steps for pooling the funds. The Companyhas not incurred any loss during the last three years and till date. The details of profits earned by the SCCL during the last three years and till date are as under:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Profit
1997-98	128.03
1998-99	121.80
1999-2000	302.35
2000-2001	85.10 (provisional)

(c) & (d): No plan for disinvestment of SCCL is under consideration of the Government.

(e): No request from the Government of Andhra Pradeshhave been received by the Ministry of Coal recently for rehabilitation of SCCL.

(f) to (h): Do not arise in view of answer given to part (e).